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Brig. Gen. Wyman Appointed 29th Division Commander

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Brig. Gen. Arthur H. Wyman, a Massachusetts National Guard officer and former 29th Infantry Division (light) assistant division commander was recently appointed commander of the 29th Infantry Division based out of Fort Belvoir, Va.

Wyman was selected as the new commander by a majority vote of the five adjutants general from states with divisional units (Virginia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Connecticut and North Carolina) and the outgoing division commander.

His previous commands include the 1st Squadron 110th Armored Cavalry and the 26th Infantry Brigade (light) of the Massachusetts National Guard. Wyman's new position makes him eligible for promotion to major general.

Wyman enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from Artillery Officer Candidate School in 1967. Following active duty, Wyman entered the Massachusetts Army National Guard in 1974 and served in various command and staff positions at battalion, brigade, division and state levels.

Among his major awards and decorations, Wyman holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Forces Reserve Medal.

Wyman's vision for the future of the 29th is focused on transforming the unit into a modular force with joint and expeditionary capabilities. "We must be combat ready, trained and responsive across the full spectrum of military operations if we are to remain relevant to the nation's future security," he said.



Brig. Gen. Arthur H. Wyman, Massachusetts National Guard

Guard Prepares Aviation Soldiers for Deployment

Six soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 126th Aviation from Camp Edwards, Massachusetts and three members of the 226th Division Aviation Support Battalion from Barnes Air National Guard Base have received mobilization orders in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sendoff ceremonies were held on Friday, Sept. 10, and soldiers

will report to Fort Dix, New Jersey for a few weeks mobilization training before being deployed overseas.

“These soldiers are highly trained and dedicated. I am confident that they will perform admirably,” said Maj. Gen. George W. Keefe, The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard, who was at the ceremonies.

704th Quartermaster Detachment Ready for Enduring Freedom Deployment

Members of the 704th Quartermaster Detachment from Worcester have received mobilization orders in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and participated in a sendoff ceremony at the National Guard armory in Worcester on Sept. 11, 2004.

The unit specializes in water purification and will deploy in support of worldwide operations.

“The soldiers of the 704th are some of the most highly skilled and dedicated in the Army National Guard,” said Maj. Gen. George W. Keefe, The Adjutant General. “They will join other National Guard members serving at home and overseas in areas critical to our security.”

Understand Your NCOES Requirements for Promotion

You can be promoted to sergeant without the Primary Leadership Development Course, but need to be enrolled within one year of your promotion.

To be eligible for staff sergeant, you must have completed PLDC, and be enrolled in the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course within one year. For sergeant first

class, have your BNCOC (all phases) completed and enroll into the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course within one year of your promotion date.

No matter what promotion you are seeking, live the Army Values, volunteer for extra duty, keep your weight under control and stay physically fit.

Uniform Ribbon Help Available Online

Soldiers in need of assistance to ensure their Army awards are in the proper order of precedence will find digital assistance just a mouse click away at the Army National Guard Web site’s “Ribbon Rack Builder” at <http://www.arng.army.mil/tools/ribbonrack>.

The Web-based tool allows soldiers to click on the color pictures of each ribbon.

After selecting the appropriate ribbons, click on the “Build My Rack” button at the bottom of the page.

The site will then display the selected ribbons in their order of precedence. The site also features an acronym finder and the Army Physical Fitness Test worksheet.

CID Looking for Recruits

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command has an all points bulletin out for qualified soldiers interested in becoming highly trained criminal investigators.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in a wide range of specialized investigative disciplines.

Specialties include polygraphs, counter-narcotics, economic crime investigations and computer crime. For more info contact <http://www.cid.army.mil>.